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TENNYSON AS A RELIGIOUS TEACHER. By CHARLES F. G. MASTERMAN, M.A., Christ's College, Cambridge. London: Methuen & Co., 1900. Pp. 253. 6s.

WE have here a remarkable book — 253 good-sized pages devoted to a study of Tennyson's religious teaching and influence—remarkable at least as tribute and testimonial to the late poet-laureate's place and power in the literature of his generation. The writer is thoroughly well-informed on his subject, and he treats it with most elaborate and conscientious, and, for the most part too, we are constrained to add, intelligent, painstaking. The book is well written, without being very readable; most readers, in fact, would, we fear, pronounce it dull. The theological position of the writer seems to be that of the "broadchurch" man - very "broad," for we find him (p. 237) speaking thus of Walt Whitman: "Whitman can contribute a calm serenity, a grateful acceptance of life as it is, a recognition of the beauty of common things, a steadfast unassailable conviction that the universe is good." He virtually, almost expressly indeed, calls Whitman a "great religious teacher." It is an astonishing, a staggering misinterpretation of the frank animalism of this "poet." It even throws a shadow of doubt over the capacity of the writer to deal with the subject that he undertakes. The book is, however, on the whole, a scholarly piece In it full justice is done to the mainly wholesome and helpful moral and religious spirit and purpose and influence of Tennyson's poetry. WILLIAM C. WILKINSON.

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Confirmation. By Right Rev. A. C. A. Hall, D.D., Bishop of Vermont. London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1900. Pp. 238. 5s.

<sup>&</sup>quot;These Holy Mysteries": Addresses upon the History and Meaning of the Christian Liturgy, more particularly with Regard to the Use of the Church of England. By Rev. C. Clementson, M.A., Vicar of Crookes, Sheffield. London: Rivingtons, 1899. Pp. 150. 3s. 6d.

BISHOP HALL is an Englishman, and was for many years a leader of the advanced high-church party in England. Not unnaturally his work on *Confirmation* appears as a volume of "The Oxford Library of Practical Theology." Great learning along the lines of patristic theology is manifest, as well as a singular subtlety in distinctions, suggestive of the schoolmen of the Middle Ages and the Puritan writers